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THE LITTLE FLOCK

Tien Feng for February 20 and 29 continues to denounce the Little Flock, each issue devoting about half its whole space to this subject. The February 29 number tells of another big denunciation meeting at the Nanyang Road headquarters in Shanghai, with more than 3,000 people present, including representatives from Nanking, Changsha, Soochow, Wusih and other places. The first piece of business was to elect a governing committee of 14, with John Liu as Chairman. It is not said that this was to be a permanent governing body for the Little Flock, to take the place of the leaders now in prison, but the procedure seems unduly elaborate for just being chairman of this one meeting, and it is possible that the delegates were brought from out of town to give this reorganization a show of legality. The meeting seems to have proceeded with much more emotional pressure than the previous meeting on January 30, reported in the June 11 Bulletin. Hesitations and questionings have now been overcome, and, at least to judge from the report given, all were ready to join in a frenzied demand for vengeance. It is something of a shock to find that the next page after these 15 pages of denunciation is a devotional study on "Now abideth faith, hope, love, these three."

NANKING UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

Our readers will remember that this is a union institution, composed of eleven formerly separate schools, which were united in the autumn of 1952. The school is using the two campuses of the former Nanking Theological Seminary and the Women's Bible Training School, although it is possible that some of the property of the former is being rented out. Part of the support of the new union institution comes from the rental of the other seminary properties belonging to the schools which have been absorbed.

At the present time the student body consists of 108 students, divided among the various denominations as follows: Church of Christ in China - 59; Anglicans - 32; Baptists - 32; Methodists - 23; English Methodists - 6; China Inland Mission - 6; China Evangelical Church - 5; Independent Church - 5; Little Flock - 2; Pentecostal - 2; Faith of the Apostles - 2; Spiritual Work - 2; Quaker - 1; China Preaching Church - 1; Seventh Day Adventist - 1; Lutheran - 1; Bethel - 1; Disciples - 1; Independent Local Church - 1; a total of 19 denominations. About 30 of these students are women. Instruction is being given at four levels: a three year course for University graduates; a four year course for senior middle school graduates; a four or five year course for junior middle school graduates; and a half year refresher course. The largest number of students come from rural areas, and are in the second of these four levels of instruction. The Seminary expects to be able to maintain a student body of 100. 95% of its graduates find work within the church.

There are thirty members of the faculty, fifteen of whom are women. The main subjects taught are Old and New Testament, Theology and Church History. There is no study of Marxism, but an hour a week is given to study of current events, and the constitution of New

sued about 20 times a year to keep mission boards and missionaries informed on Christian work in China. ANNUAL RATES: Domestic, $2.00; Overseas, Firstclass $4.00, Secondclass $3.00. Airmail $5.00 in 15 cent zone, $7.00 in 25 cent zone. Please send payments as due.

China is studied. Since the union institution took in from its constituent schools a larger faculty than it really needed, the additional members are being used for purposes of research.

YENCHING UNION THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY

This school, like Nanking, is a union of eleven formerly independent institutions. These were: Yenching School of Religion (Union); Peking Theological Seminary (Methodist); Peking Bible School for Women (Union); Baptist Theological Seminary from Honan; Bible Institute of Holiness Church of Peking; Northeastern Theological College from Mukden (Presbyterian); Lutheran Theological College from Central China; Honan Bible Institute (Fundamentalist); Central China Theological Seminary (English Methodist and Church of Christ in China); Assemblies of God Theological Seminary; Devotional Institute (interdenominational).

Because of the widely different theological viewpoints represented in the school, three parallel courses in Dogmatics are offered, by a Baptist, a Presbyterian and a Methodist professor respectively.

Students come from ten or twelve denominations and from fifteen provinces. Two of them are Seventh Day Adventists. The student body is on four different levels, as follows:

Junior Middle School graduates	30
Senior Middle School graduates	20
College graduates	2
One-year refresher course	24
TOTAL	76

The faculty numbers 33, taken in from the eleven constituent institutions. These are all full time in the Seminary, and a number of them are being used for research work. Dr. T. C. Chao is teaching History of Christian Thought part time, and using the rest of his time in research.

Last year there were 186 applications for admission, of whom only 30 were admitted.

The school is supported from three sources: assets of the constituent schools, contributions from the various churches, and tuition fees. Support from the churches is growing.

MISSIONARY NEWS

The death of the following former China missionaries has been reported: Leonard J. Christian on May 15, in California (formerly with the American Board in Foochow); Charles W. Shoop, formerly under the United Brethren Board in Canton, at Pomona, California, on May 17; Dr. Charles Gilbert McDaniel, formerly with the Southern Baptist Board in Soochow and Shanghai, in Culpepper, Va., on April 21; Roman Catholic Archbishop Jean Deymier of the Hangchow Archdiocese died in Bordeaux, France, on April 2 at the age of 70; Roman Catholic Father Albert Brulant, formerly of Kian and Kiukiang, died in Algeria on March 5.

Dr. Thomas M. Barker, formerly in the Canton Theological Seminary, was installed as Moderator of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland at its annual meeting in Belfast on June 11.

CHURCH NEWS

Dr. Baen Lee is still in prison, but it is reported that he has been seen there recently by some members of his family. Dr. Henry Ling is also still in prison. The rumors that circulated at one time regarding his death in prison were without foundation. Bishop Kimber Den and Miss Esther Sing are also reported to be still in prison.

The Kingdom Overseas, monthly missionary magazine of the Methodist Missionary Society (British), had four pages of pictures from inside China in their February number. These were pictures brought out by the Quaker delegation that visited China last fall. The pictures portray such church activities as an ordination, Sunday school classes and Christmas celebrations, and are very heartening in their indication of the wholeheartedness with which these activities are being carried on.

The Lighthouse Magazine, a conservative evangelical monthly magazine in Chinese, will

begin publication in Hong Kong on July 1. 20,000 copies of the first number are being issued. It is being published by The Christian Witness Press.

A recent visitor to the offices of the National Christian Council at 169 Yuen Ming Yuen Road in Shanghai found a total staff of 28 at work there, headed by Rev. George Wu, Executive Chairman. Y. Y. Ling is the Administrative Secretary. Besides these two men, there are four or five secretaries and a number of assistants. The NCC occupies the third floor and rents out the other floors, mostly to Christian organizations. It is maintained from these rents and from the rent of a large godown which it owns. Member organizations of the NCC are the various Protestant churches in China, YM and YW, China Bible House, Christian Endeavor, and China Evangelization Association. Though the secretaries devote a considerable amount of their time to the Three Self Movement, they also travel among the churches and help them with their problems.

An immense athletic stadium, large enough for 5,000 contestants and 25,000 spectators, is being built at Wutaishan in Nanking. When the authorities called for volunteer work by the students of the city, all the Nanking Theological Seminary students volunteered, and worked hard digging and carrying dirt. Even the girls took part, and raised blisters on their hands.

Amoy reports that the Christian churches there celebrated Christmas in 1955 more extensively than ever before. Changshu, Kiangsu, also reports good Christmas celebrations, with 13 baptisms in the Methodist Church, and 18 in the Episcopal St. Bartholemew's Church. In the Methodist Church a robed choir of more than 20 sang special numbers to a congregation of about 350. In Foochow 131 young people of the Episcopal Church, from five different parishes, spent the day of December 18 together at Cheng Hsueh (True Learning) Church (in Nantai). A sermon by Bishop Liu Yu-ts'ang was a part of the program of the day.

The Roman Catholic Chala Cemetery in Peking is being moved, according to official information reported from Hong Kong. The graves of such noteworthy Jesuits as Ricci, Verbiest and Schall were in Chala.

A group of Chinese Roman Catholic laymen was arrested in Foochow in May, according to a Foochow newspaper, the Fukien Daily. They were charged with organizing anti-Communist youth groups, spreading unpatriotic rumors, and persecuting patriotic Catholics. They also asked Catholics to pray for a missionary who was being expelled.

In Shensi province the Church of Christ in China has in the seven counties north of the Wei River 13 churches with 89 branches. There are about 3,000 members, over 90% of whom are farmers. During the past two years they have built four new churches, enlarged one, and repaired five. During these two years they have received about 350 new members by baptism.

The Wenchow District of the Methodist Church (English Methodist) held its sixth annual meeting in the West Side Church January 17-19, with more than a hundred delegates present. Yeh Kuo-ch'i reported on the work of the past five years. Finances are steadily improving; the Nanhsi circuit is given as example: Giving only Yuan 28 in 1951 (presumably the equivalent of this in the old currency), the annual giving has gone up to the following figures: 42, then 306, then 374, and in 1955 560. The report unfortunately does not give any of the vital church statistics, but is interested in the church's patriotic record. It secured 13,230 signatures to the Anti-atom bomb resolution. 64 of its members are listed as model workers, 243 are on village councils, 71 on sub-county (hsiang) councils, and five on county councils.

In 1951 the Christian Literature Society was forced by financial difficulties to give up its first floor bookroom, and since then has had a bookroom on the seventh floor. But this has been very inconvenient for prospective purchasers, and so last December they moved back to the first floor, where they now occupy the whole southwest corner, with fronts on both Hu Chiu Road and Hong Kong Road.

The Music Department of Nanking Theological Seminary advertised in the February 29 Wen Feng a 40-page book of Easter anthems for choir use. One of the ten anthems is by Archangelski, others are Bohemian and Dutch folksongs, and at least one is an original Chinese melody.